

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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IN RE: UNIVERSAL SERVICE FOR RURAL AREAS THE GENERIC DOCKET))))	Docket No. 00-00523
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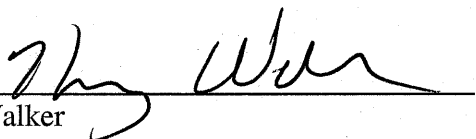
PETITION TO INTERVENE

US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. ("US LEC") petitions the Authority to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310(b).

The above-captioned docket was originally opened for the purpose of addressing universal service issues in rural Tennessee and the impact of competition on independent Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers ("ILECs"). This docket also includes issues regarding interconnection arrangements among wireless carriers, ILECs, and competitive local exchange carriers, such as US LEC.

Therefore, US LEC's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests or responsibilities may be affected or determined by the outcome of this proceeding. US LEC will abide by all relevant procedural schedules previously established in this docket, therefore granting this petition will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

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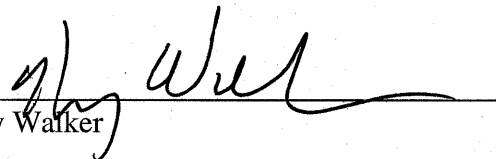
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